



February 1, 2018

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement on State Route 169 over Canoochee River four miles North of Claxton, PI Number 0013596. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Thursday, February 15, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 - Then select *Bridge replacement on SR 169 over Canoochee River*;
 - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 5, Area 4 Office located at 17213 U.S. Highway 301 North, Statesboro, GA 30458. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Brian McHugh, at (404) 965-9721 or the environmental analyst, Elliott Robertson, at (404) 631-1190 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

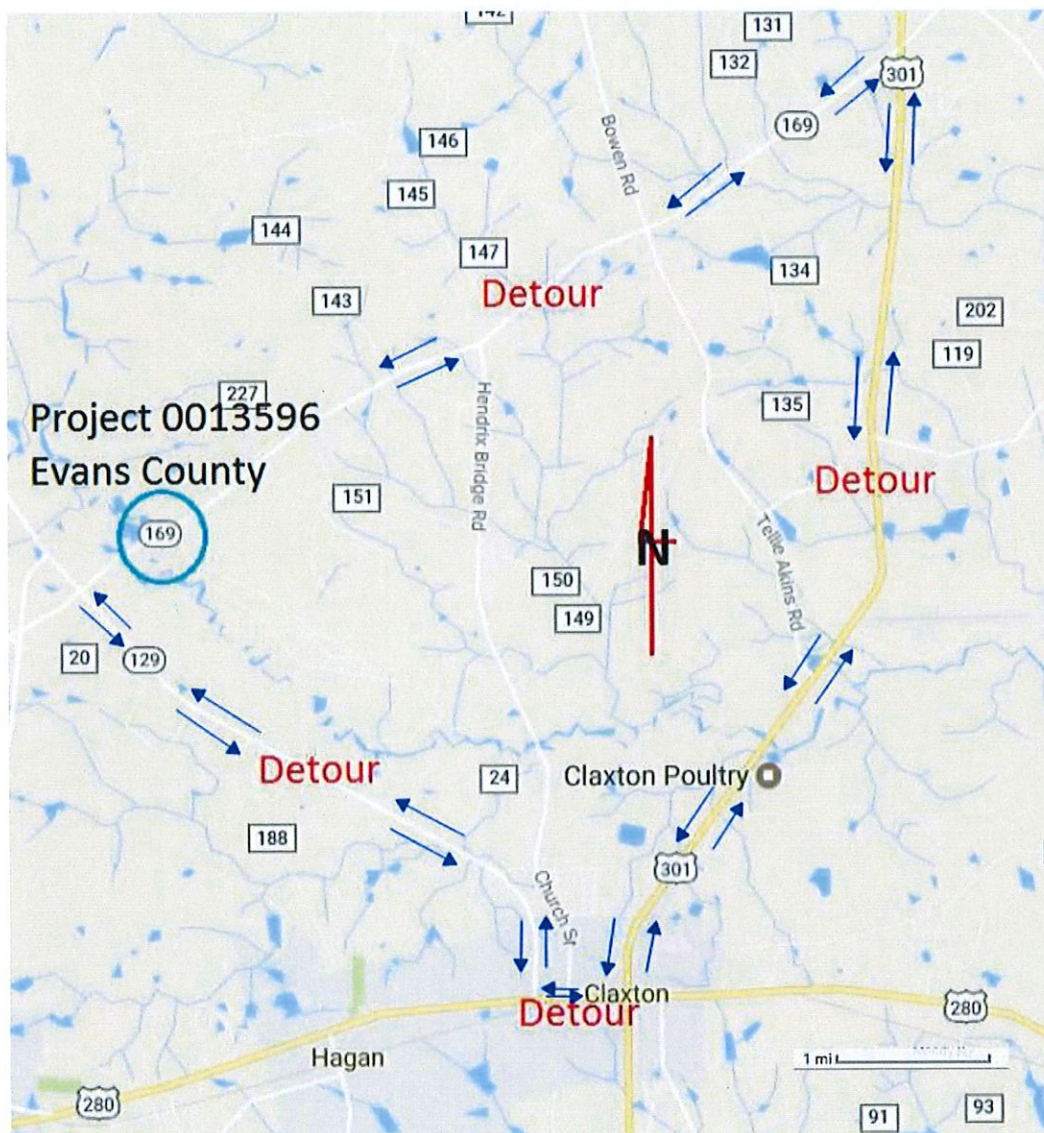
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The existing bridge on State Route 169 over Canoochee River, Structure ID 109-0015-0, was built in 1958. The bridge, was designed for H-15 vehicles, which is below current design standards resulting in the bridge being weight restricted. Additionally, the bridge has received a sufficiency rating 45.5. The sufficiency rating of a bridge is based on a scale of point values from 1 to 100. The points are awarded based on structural adequacy and safety, serviceability, functional obsolescence, and necessity for public use. Because of the bridge's score and its weight restriction it is recommended that the structure be replaced. A detour is required for this project in order to build the proposed bridge on the existing alignment.

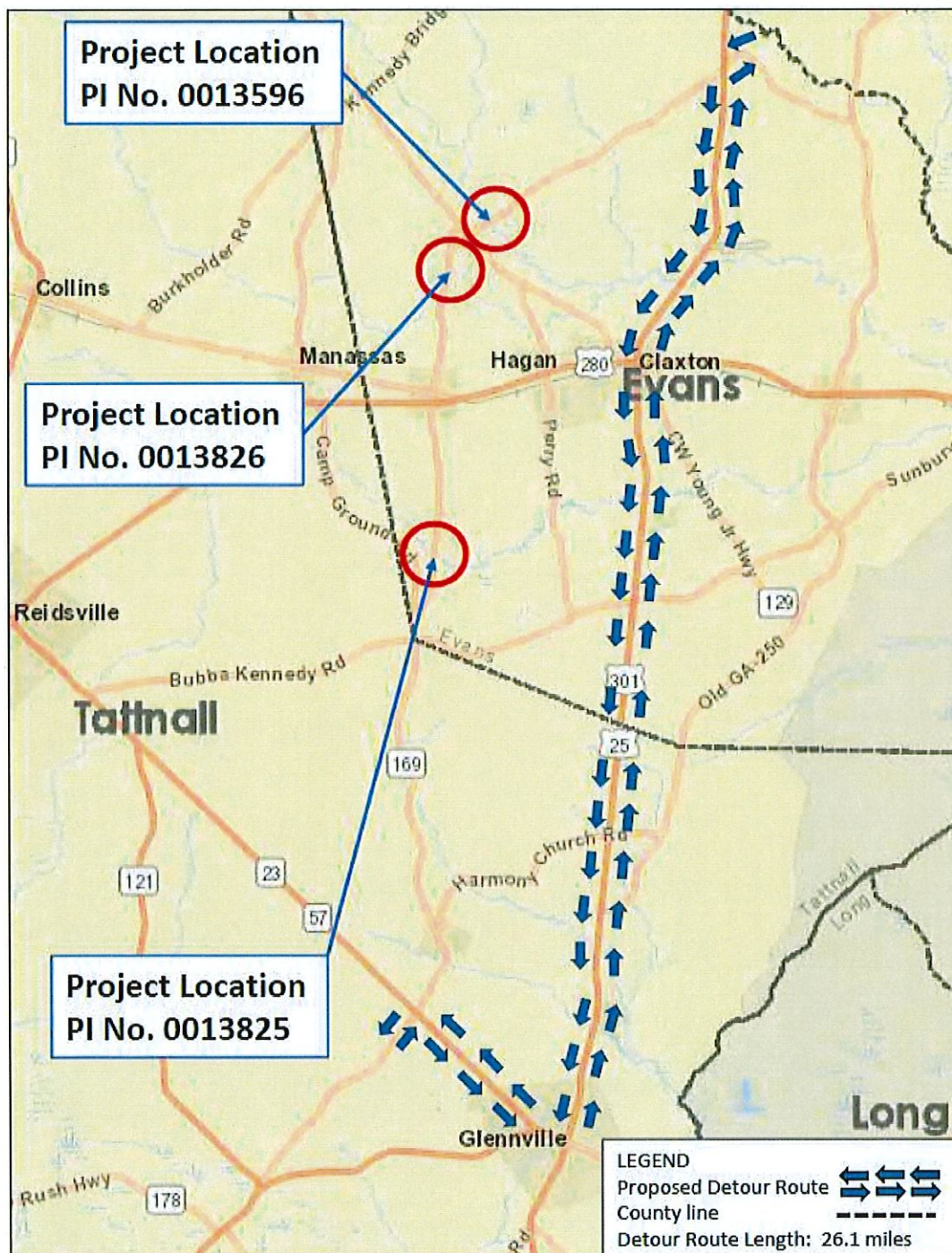
Project Description: This project will replace bridge, Structure ID 109-0015-0, along SR 169 over Canoochee River at the existing location. The proposed bridge structure will be 36 feet wide (gutter to gutter) by approximately 420 feet in length. The proposed typical of the bridge includes two 12 foot lanes with 6 foot shoulders. A detour is required for this project in order to build the proposed bridge on the existing alignment. The detour will begin as the intersection of SR 129 and 169, the detour follows 129 south until it terminate into US 280, turn left on to US 280, following US 280 until it intersects with US 301, at which point left on to US 301 north until it intersects with SR 169.

Project Location Map and Detour Map:



Coordination with Nearby Projects: Construction for the bridge replacement projects at SR 169 over Cedar Creek (PI No. 0013826) and SR 169 over Bull Creek (PI No. 0013825) could overlap with the construction of the bridge replacement project at SR 169 over Canoochee River (PI No. 0013596). In the event of construction overlap, there will be a combined detour utilizing US 301 from SR 169 north of Claxton, GA to SR 57 in Glennville, GA. The total detour route distance is 26.1 miles.

Overall Detour Map:



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional** ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. _____

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:

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